

Please cancel claim 6, without prejudice.

8. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the spring wire is bendable substantially perpendicular to the central axis.

9. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the top end of the spring wire is fixed in the groove.

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10. (Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the top end of the spring wire is bonded, soldered, or clamped into the groove.

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13. (Amended) A method of securing a screw while implanting into a body comprising:

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providing a screw having an aperture in a screwhead;
providing the device of claim 1; and
inserting the spindle into the aperture resulting in stress to the spring wire, wherein upon application of the stress, the spring wire holds the screw in a steady position.

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17. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the spring wire is bendable substantially perpendicular to the central axis.

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18. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the top end of the spring wire is fixed in the groove.

OH 19. (Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the top end of the spring wire is bonded, soldered, or clamped into the groove.

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Please cancel claim 20, without prejudice.